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## ARTHUR KEMP GOES UP FOR TWO YEARS

Former Police Clerk Sentenced to Moundville Prison by Justice Gould.

## HE PLEADS GUILTY TO EMBEZZLEMENT

Admits Wrongdoing in But One Indictment, Covering Theft of \$4,000—Leaves Today.

James Arthur Kemp, former police and property clerk of the Police Department, pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of \$4,000 police funds today, and was sentenced to two years in the Moundville penitentiary by Justice Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District.

Hargard and unshaven, the former Beau Brummel of the department, trusted for twenty years, broke down in court when his counsel, Attorney Samuel V. Hayden, pleaded for mercy in the name of the man's mother, who stood by him during the long wait for trial, and who furnished the bail money to keep him out of jail.

Kemp refused to acknowledge his guilt of the two charges alleging misappropriation of \$5,000 from the funds of the Police Relief Association. When he arose in answer to the court's call, he cautioned the clerk to be sure that only the one indictment was included in his admission of guilt. These two indictments were dismissed by United States Attorney Daniel Baker. It was on his recommendation that the light sentence of two years was given.

Embezzlement Charged. Kemp, who was in absolute charge of the funds deposited with the police in envelopes held by him, collected from pawn brokers, and property taken from prisoners, was alleged in the indictments to have deposited to his own credit numerous checks for large amounts during the four years previous to the exposure.

When Kemp left the office July 3, 1907, Major Sylvester had over \$100,000 in him. The police clerk took the morning train for New York to attend the races. His absence caused an investigation, and the indictment by the grand jury followed. Kemp was able to play the game so long because he tampered only with the envelopes of which no record of the contents was kept. The books containing the transactions of the police department proper, although frequently examined by the auditor, always balanced. Kemp's good reputation and the fact that he owned property worth about \$20,000 quelled any suspicion that was aroused.

Although the exact amount Kemp is alleged to have stolen could not be learned, checks to the amount of about \$10,000 were shown to have been deposited in his name. One check alone for \$2,700 made out to his order as police clerk was turned over to his private accounts. Other amounts down to \$63 were traced, but the number of petty acts was never ascertained.

Arrested in New Orleans. When Kemp was arrested while in the paddock at a suburban race track in New Orleans, he still had a considerable amount of money. When he was returned to Washington, his bail bond of \$5,000 was at once furnished by his mother. Kemp denied any wrong doing and prepared for trial. A series of motions postponed the hearing indefinitely until a few days ago when his consent to a plea of guilty was obtained. In his plea for leniency, Attorney Hayden pictured the faithfulness of the mother and her son's devotion to her, and told the court that he believed Kemp had been sufficiently punished by the loss of his property, worth \$20,000, the ruin of his reputation, and the grief it caused his mother, his wife, and his son.

Although the minimum sentence is one year and one day, Justice Gould, after summing up the case, said that he thought a sentence of two years was little enough for crimes that had extended over such a long period.

After his first collapse Kemp recovered his composure and left the court in a brisk walk. United States marshals will leave with their prisoners for the Moundville penitentiary late this afternoon.

## STAND FALLS; TWO HURT.

ALTOONA, Pa., Oct. 21.—David M. Reighard, Democratic candidate for the Legislature in the Altoona district, was severely injured here last night when a platform from which he was addressing an open-air meeting, collapsed. He sustained spinal injuries. Humphrey D. Tate, candidate for Congress, was also hurt.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Fair weather will continue during the next thirty-six hours in the middle East and Southern States, with rising temperature Thursday. The winds along the middle and south Atlantic coasts will be fresh northeasterly, and on the east coast fresh easterly.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have a headwesterly wind and fair weather to the Grand Banks.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT. For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia fair to night and Thursday, warmer Thursday; fresh easterly winds.

TEMPERATURE. 9 a. m. 47 10 a. m. 48 11 a. m. 49 Noon 52 1 p. m. 55 2 p. m. 56

SUN RISES. Sun rises. 6:15 Sun sets. 6:16

TIDE TABLE. High tide, today. 5:36 a. m. 5:21 p. m. Low tide, today. 11:05 a. m. 11:05 p. m. High tide, tomorrow. 5:32 a. m. 5:08 p. m. Low tide, tomorrow. 12:07 a. m. 12:23 p. m.

## IS SENTENCED



J. ARTHUR KEMP, Former Police Clerk, Sentenced to Two Years in Moundville for Embezzling \$4,000.

## JAPAN CONVINCED WE ARE SINCERE

Positive and Cordial Expressions Make Plain America's Friendship.

TOKYO, Oct. 21.—Whatever doubt may have been entertained by the Japanese of the genuineness of American expressions of good will, it is removed today as the result of the memorable meeting between the Mikado and Admiral Sperry at the imperial palace yesterday, and the interchange of greetings on behalf of the Emperor and President Roosevelt.

The Japanese press today voices the general sentiment of the public that this meeting was epochal in its importance and marked the cementing of ties of friendship that will last for years to come.

All fear of an anti-Asiatic movement on the part of England and America, which was engendered by the radical speeches of Australian officials during the fleet's visit to the ports of that commonwealth, has given way to a belief that America and Japan will be found united in whatever problems the Pacific ocean may present for the next decade at least.

It was expected, as a matter of course, that the visit of the fleet would bring about a friendly interchange of greetings, but that these greetings should be expressed in such positive terms and a continuation of friendly relations virtually pledged by the heads of the two nations, was a surprise that has aroused the utmost enthusiasm in Japan, and today the Americans are looked on with a feeling almost of reverence by the entire island kingdom.

Officers Meet Admiral Togo. The officers of the American fleet today grasped the hand of Admiral Togo, the hero of the battle which resulted in the annihilation of the Russian fleet at the Japanese bay.

While the petty officers and men of the fleet are taking a large part in the state functions, they are not lacking for entertainment. Their uniforms are a passport to everything. Excursions to all the interesting points near Tokyo and Yokohama are of daily occurrence, and every night the theaters are crowded with the Americans.

## Message of Cheer From West

Is Brought by Senator Dixon

A cheerful message was brought to the White House from Chicago today by United States Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, head of the Republican speakers' bureau in the West. The Senator just exudes optimism.

"Don't let anybody fool you on this election business," said the Senator. "I am not exaggerating a bit when I say that it is all over now. Everything is working beautifully, and while Judge Taft will not get the vote given to President Roosevelt in 1904, he will get one that will astonish those who are shouting for a Bryan victory."

"I am absolutely confident that Bryan will hardly get a State west of the Mississippi river, and so confident of this that I am over now. Everything is working beautifully, and while Judge Taft will not get the vote given to President Roosevelt in 1904, he will get one that will astonish those who are shouting for a Bryan victory."

## NEBRASKAN SCORES RAILWAY OFFICIALS

Alleged Coercion of Employees Bitterly Resented by Candidate.

## IS READY TO BEGIN NEW YORK CAMPAIGN

Declares Fight in Ohio Already Won, But Will Spend Another Day There.

MT. VERNON, Ohio, Oct. 21.—With an evident bitterness of feeling, which up to the present time has been absent from his political speeches, William Jennings Bryan, in his speech at Newark, Ohio, this morning scathingly denounced General Manager Van Winkle, Vice President Charles Schaff, and Assistant General Superintendent Albert Ingalls, of the Vanderbilt railway system, for their alleged coercion of the shop and other employees of the Big Four, the Lake Shore and the New York Central railway systems. Bryan called the attention of his audience to their speeches to the shopmen at Bellefontaine last night, in which they declared that his election meant business depression, and would result in a cut of 10 per cent of the wages of the men. Albert Ingalls, chief of the traffic department of the Big Four, is Charles P. Taft's son-in-law.

Bryan said that the action of these railway managers is "coercion pure and simple, and should be punished by law, it being a crime against the franchise."

Pertinent Question. "Who has given them the power to prophesy what will happen if I am elected?" demanded Bryan.

"Are they the Lord's anointed, and shall they compel you men to vote as they want and no one raise his voice in protest. Shorn and bereft of every issue in this campaign, confronted with the sure wrath of the aroused people whose earnings they have been taking for their own use, the predatory corporations now come and threaten panic if you elect me and turn their creatures out of the offices. Who is the Republican candidate, that he should also declare that my election will result in hard times. If he believes this statement he makes, let him give bond that the present panic will be healed and good times restored under his administration. Was he not in the Cabinet or the President when the existing panic started, and if he and the strenuous President could not together prevent that panic and keep business sound, how little chance will there be for him to do so, when he is left alone in the White House and Roosevelt goes to Africa to shoot lions."

For Next Generation. "I see young boys here. Some of them may be Presidential candidates themselves some day, and it is for them and millions like them that I am making my fight, a fight to restore to this nation a right to restore to this nation a business competition, to insure a true measure of rewards and to make it possible for the worker to sell his labor where he will receive the best return. This attempt of the R.-P.-C. party to defeat me for election will fail, and they will not be able to purchase this election, either."

Bryan has decided to plunge at once into the New York campaign. He will give only tomorrow to West Virginia, and will then go direct to New York, reaching there October 23 at 1 p. m. He stated this morning that the fight in Ohio is already won, but that he will spend another day in the State capital. On October 21 he will speak in Cleveland and Toledo, as well as in a number of cities in northern Ohio. His schedule today includes fifteen speeches, winding up the day at 9:45 p. m. in Marietta.

## FRICTION ON WHEEL SETS HAY ON FIRE

Ladders Rub on Tire and Load Catches From Sparks—Driver's Close Call.

ALTOONA, Pa., Oct. 21.—While Frank Wharton, a farmer near St. Augustine, was bringing a load of hay to Altoona, today, the friction of a wheel on the hay ladders threw sparks into the load, igniting it. Before Wharton discovered the blaze he was almost enveloped in flames, and had barely time to spring from his seat and unhitch the horses.

It has been said recently that Wyoming, Idaho, and Utah were Bryan States this year. I want to say that those three States are just as surely Taft States as is Vermont. There is absolutely no doubt about them. As for Wisconsin, I will make the prediction right now that it will go for Taft from 80,000 to 100,000 majority. I was talking to Senator La Follette over the long-distance telephone last night and he told me that everything is in fine shape.

"Here's another thing," continued the Senator. "New York belongs to Taft, and it will give him 100,000 majority without a doubt." Senator Dixon said that the Republican headquarters in Chicago had been working at full steam for several weeks, and he himself is about worn out by the endless labor. "I haven't had more than five hours' sleep a night since the campaign really opened," he said. "The Democrats out there now realize that they have lost the fight and many of them will admit it privately. They are making his final stab for votes, by charging a Republican \$1,000,000 fund. That is his last straw and it is falling flat."

## MILLER MURDERED, FRIENDS BELIEVE

Cause Sought for Death of Washington Man Found in the Erie Canal.

## WILL BRING BODY TO WASHINGTON

Widow, Well-Known Musician, Speeding Back From Southern Concert Tour.

The body of William Keyes Miller, the War Department printer, which was found yesterday in the Erie Canal, near Utica, N. Y., will be shipped to Washington, and is expected to reach here some time tomorrow morning.

The funeral services will not be arranged until the arrival of Mrs. Miller in Washington late today. Mrs. Miller, who is the widow of Victor's Venetian Band, was in Charlotte, N. C., when notified. Miss Grace Miller, a niece of Mr. Miller, who has made her home with her uncle and his wife several years, received a telegram this morning from Mrs. Miller stating that her train had been delayed.

Miss Miller, whose anxiety at her uncle's failure to communicate with her after leaving Washington last Friday, was largely responsible for the search for him, has been looking after the Miller home, 1342 Riggs street, since Mrs. Miller left Washington, about the middle of September, to fill engagements with the Victor Band. She was extremely nervous this morning, and was unable to throw any additional light on the tragedy.

## Money and Jewelry Gone.

No further word has been received here as to the causes which led to Mr. Miller's death, and it has been manifestly impossible for the authorities in Utica to determine whether he committed suicide or met with foul play. Close friends of Mr. Miller scout the suicide theory. They declare he had everything to live for, and that there was no reason why he should take his life. The fact that he was known to have considerable amount of money with him, and that he also wore several valuable pieces of jewelry, all of which were missing when the body was pulled out of the canal, leads to the popular belief that Mr. Miller was murdered.

Mrs. Miller was notified of her husband's death as she was about to go to the theater for the matinee performance in Charlotte.

Mr. Miller's death came as a distinct shock to his friends in Washington. He left his home here last Friday for Utica to register, leaving Miss Miller at home. Mr. Miller was plainly reluctant to leave her, but assured her he would be back soon, and told her not to worry. When he had been gone several days and no word reached Miss Miller, she communicated with the family in Utica and then learned he had not reached his home. Search was immediately begun with the result that Mr. Miller's body was found in the canal near his old home.

## Long in Government Service.

Mr. Miller had been in the Government service sixteen years, and was regarded as one of the most expert and popular employees of the printing division of the War Department. He was prominent in politics and a member of one of the local Masonic lodges.

Mrs. Miller has long been identified with local musical affairs and is filling her second engagement with Victor's band. She has had much stage experience, and met with pronounced success. At one time Mrs. Miller was closely identified with Victor's band, known to most musicians in Washington. Mr. Miller had planned to spend his vacation in Utica visiting his sister, Miss Rose Miller. His plans had been arranged, and his sister was expecting him when news of his disappearance reached her.

## THREE PERSONS DIE, VICTIMS OF FIREBUG

Incendiary Blaze in New York Tenement Causes Panic—Vandal Is Sought.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Three persons are dead and four others were injured in an incendiary fire, which early today created a panic in the crowded section about the five-story tenement house at 35 East Third street. Sixteen families had thrilling escapes from death.

Scores of women and children, through the bravery of firemen and police, were taken from the choked fire-escapes. Many children were dropped to the arms of waiting firemen in the street by policemen.

Mrs. Yetta Moscovitz died shielding her babe from the smoke and flames. Police are searching for an incendiary who today that the names of the other about the five-story tenement house at 35 East Third street. Sixteen families had thrilling escapes from death.

## SCHOONER HELPLESS, IS DRIVING ASHORE

Life-Savers Preparing to Go to Aid of Crew When Ship Goes to Pieces.

GALILEE, N. J., Oct. 21.—With her flag at half mast, ensign down, a three-masted schooner, is dragging her anchors and being driven ashore a half mile off the United Wireless station here. Captain Green and his life-savers have their boat ready and are preparing to render assistance for an incendiary who today that the names of the other about the five-story tenement house at 35 East Third street. Sixteen families had thrilling escapes from death.

The vessel went to off the Jersey coast last night, but it was not until daylight that she was found to be much in danger. Tugs are going to her assistance.

## HEAD CONSOLIDATION DEAL



ERNEST L. SCHMIDT, Local Business Men Who Put Through Purchase of Land and Title Guarantee Companies' Stock.

## COMPETITION CAUSES HUGE COMBINE DEAL

Lawyers' Title and Guaranty Company Acquires Control of Two Other Firms.

As the result of competition that had become too keen, three insurance companies of this city are to be consolidated.

By the terms of the deal, in which the final papers have been passed, the Lawyers' Title and Guaranty Company has acquired the controlling interest in the Washington Title Insurance Company and the District Title Insurance Company. The business of the three companies eventually will be made the basis for the formation of a title, loan, and mortgage company whose capital may be fixed as high as \$1,000,000.

The deal was the climax of a stock campaign that had been quietly carried on for the past five or six years. A syndicate, of which E. Southard Parker is the head, bought the stock gradually, until it had acquired the majority, for Ernest L. Schmidt, secretary of the Lawyers' Title and Guaranty Company and its principal stockholder. Mr. Schmidt now represents the ownership of about 60 per cent of the stock of both of the smaller companies.

## Made for Consolidation.

The stock purchased amounted to 5,100 shares of the Washington company at \$5 each, par value \$10; and 3,000 shares of the District company at \$15 per share, par value \$30. The cash paid for the stock bought, therefore, was \$37,000.

E. Southard Parker, who is president of the National Metropolitan Bank, said today that the names of the other members of the syndicate would not be announced for the present. As to the probable cause of the new combine he said he was not prepared to say anything definite.

## "SEE ME DIE," SAYS HE.

STEEBENVILLE, Ohio, Oct. 21.—"Come and see me die," yelled Douglas Roe, aged forty-seven years, a foundry worker, to his wife early this morning. She arrived in time to see him fall across the bed and die after draining a three-ounce bottle of carbolic acid. He had been drinking.

When Taft was here, Vorys' time was taken up with consultations with Taft and with attending conferences between Taft and other politicians. Judge Taft has repeatedly expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the work Vorys has done, and it is ridiculous to suppose that he would countenance the deposition of a man who acts as his principal adviser.

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## Broken Race Track Follower Arrested, Calls Cortelyou Kin

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—A remarkable story of a moral downfall due to the race track was told today by a man who says he is a cousin of George B. Cortelyou, President Roosevelt's Secretary of the Treasury. He is James S. Walker, twenty-seven years old, and until a few weeks ago, a clerk in the paymaster's office in the Navy Department at Washington.

Walker was arrested today charged with obtaining money by false pretenses. The complainant is John Nordhouse, private secretary of Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

It is alleged that Walker has been presenting and cashing bad checks, both here and in Baltimore, using his position as an employee of the Navy Department to gain credit. When he was arrested, it is said, he admitted that he had obtained more than \$400 by bad checks, all of which he lost at the Pimlico race track in Maryland.

## FIREPROOFING PLANT BURNED TO GROUND

Terra Cotta Factory Destroyed by Fire, Entailing a Loss of \$100,000.

## WATCHMAN FIRST TO SEE THE BLAZE

Runs to Turn in Alarm, Only to Find Telephone Wires Melted. No Fire Plugs in Reach.

Unable to lay a single pipe line because the nearest hydrant was more than half a mile away, the members of No. 17 engine company could do practically nothing to check the flames that destroyed the large plant of the National Fireproofing Company, Terra Cotta, D. C., early this morning. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, which is covered by \$50,000 insurance.

The fireproofing company occupied the plant of the old Potomac Terra Cotta Company, a building covering an area equal to half a city block. The walls were terra cotta, and the building was supposed to be fireproof. No precautions had been taken against the possibility of a fire in the plant.

The fire was discovered shortly before 7 o'clock by a watchman, who ran to the office in the front of the building to send in an alarm by telephone. By the time he reached the office the flames had gained such headway that the telephone wires had melted. John Daniels, the superintendent, arrived while the watchman was endeavoring to use the telephone. Mr. Daniels hurried to a nearby grocery store and telephoned to No. 17 engine company.

## Whole Building Ablaze.

When the firemen arrived, the entire building was ablaze. Fearing the flames would spread to several near by kilns, the men confined their efforts to propping the walls in such a manner that they would fall in instead of out. The floors and roof of the building were of wood, and a large quantity of wooden benches and shelves were on every floor.

The building was used principally for the manufacture and drying of fireproofing materials. The office and drafting rooms were on the first floor. There was a large quantity of machinery in the building, which was ruined. Several tons of steam pipe used in installing the drying rooms also were destroyed.

## Largest Plant of Kind.

The National Fireproofing Company had the largest plant of its kind in the vicinity of Washington. The firm has its main offices in the Colorado building, and did a large business in fireproofing materials all over the country.

The plant was located on the west side of the Potomac, near the Ohio tracks, less than 100 yards from the scene of the Terra Cotta wreck, a year ago last December. The building was remodeled and enlarged at the time it was purchased from the Potomac Terra Cotta Company, and many pieces of expensive machinery, manufactured especially for the company, had been installed recently.

All the machinery was ruined. A large stock of fireproofing material, including bricks, sewer pipe, and other articles made from terra cotta, were stored in the drying rooms. Thousands of dollars' worth of material was destroyed.

The weight of the heavy machinery caused the floors to fall after the fire had been burning about half an hour. The roof fell with a terrific crash. At the time the fire broke out in the Colorado Building it was said that the full extent of the loss had not been determined, but it is estimated, it is estimated, will be fully \$100,000.

## Starts in Boiler Room.

It is believed the fire started in one of the boiler rooms, of which there were two. The flames were discovered in this part of the building. There were fires in the furnaces in both boiler rooms, but the officials of the company said they could not understand how the blaze could have originated in this manner.

The firemen shoved the walls down in such a manner that all but one fell inside of the boiler room, which had probably prevented the flames from spreading to the kilns.

In the boiler rooms was considerable material that was being finished for shipment within the next few days. The plant had been running to its full capacity, and the material was practically every available inch of space in the large building was used for storing fireproof brick, tile, pipe, and other articles used in the construction of fireproof buildings.

## One Machine Saved.

The only piece of machinery that was not completely destroyed was one of the big boilers. Every mixing machine and finishing machine was mangled beyond repair.

The watchman who discovered the fire said that he had no idea as to how it started. He had just made his round, when he detected smoke coming from the boiler room, which he had left about half an hour before. Before he reached the room, the flames had burned through the partition. In less than five minutes it seemed as if the whole building was on fire.

Firemen think the blaze may have started from an overheated fire.

## SHELDON STILL SHY ON CAMPAIGN CASH

Fair Response to Appeals, But Republicans Need Much More Money.

Frederick E. Chapin, who is collecting funds in Washington as the representative of the Republican national committee, after talking with Treasurer Sheldon over the telephone at the New York headquarters this morning, said the story printed in a morning newspaper to the effect that the committee had been compelled to put additional boards around the strong box to prevent the campaign money from overflowing, is not true.

Walker says he has a wife living at 1871 V street, Washington.